

# 2012 Governor's Ambassador Award Recipients

## Community Service & Volunteerism Award



**Jessica Durrett**

### **Department of Corrections, Justice & Public Safety Cabinet**

Living in a community where more than 60% of the elementary school children participate in the free and reduced lunch program, Jessica succeeded in bringing seven local churches together to create a weekend backpack food program. The Hands that Serve Hearts that Care program currently serves 95 students and is expanding to new schools within the district. The goal of the program is to insure that children in Henry County do not go hungry.

## Courage Award



**Rebecca Henry**

### **KY State Police, Justice & Public Safety Cabinet**

Rebecca Henry stands ready, on or off duty, to provide emergency assistance to citizens and visitors of the Commonwealth. After witnessing an automobile accident near her home in April, Rebecca called 911 and assisted in stabilizing the severely wounded driver until medical crews arrived. In 2005, Rebecca also helped a gentleman who was suffering from a diabetic attack. In both cases, EMS credit her with helping to save the victims' lives.

## Customer Service Award



**Sean Osborne**

### **Department of Highways, Transportation Cabinet**

Sean Osborne serves as a Freeway Emergencies Patrol Operator and travels the roadways in search of travelers needing assistance. In May and June, he assisted three travelers who each had medical emergencies. Two of the victims had suffered heart attacks, the other was unconscious. Using his skills as a paramedic, Sean performed CPR and helped calm the victims and their traveling companions until an ambulance arrived.

## Leadership Award



**Patrick Yewell**

### **Administrative Office of the Courts**

Patrick Yewell's life and career center on helping achieve permanency for children and families. He has spent 27 years working in child welfare and with the court system to achieve safety, permanency and stability for children. Patrick works with foster parents to help them gain stability for children in their care, and he speaks to community groups regarding his own experiences in foster care. He is viewed as a mentor to his employees, fellow social workers, and participants of the foster program. As Executive Officer of the Department of Family & Juvenile Services, he creates work environment that prides itself on creating a positive impact for children and families across the Commonwealth.

## Professional Achievement Award



**Danny Keith Banks**

### **Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Education & Workforce Development Cabinet**

A Certified Rehabilitation Counselor with the KY Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Danny Keith has helped over 350 individuals with disabilities, influenced change in vocational rehabilitation policies and procedures, and advocated for positive, comprehensive change within the field of rehabilitation and in his local community. Danny promotes positive change within the hearts, minds and attitudes of people who employ individuals with disabilities. He sets an example for others with disabilities through his positive outlook, support of others, and personal success.

## Teamwork Award



**Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex Staff**

### **Department of Corrections, Justice & Public Safety Cabinet**

The Eastern KY Correctional Complex staff went above and beyond to maintain 24-hour operations during the aftermath of the March tornado that struck West Liberty and Morgan County. Most all staff suffered some level of damage to their personal property, yet they reported to work as normal, and volunteered to help other co-workers who experienced major damage or completely lost their homes.

Although the institution lost electricity for an extended period of time, the inmates' needs were met without incident, and circumstances were well-managed. Employees assisted in emergency operations of the city, participated in search and rescue teams, assisted with the Emergency Management Team, volunteered at donation centers, and assisted with cleanup and rebuilding efforts throughout Morgan County. Their dedication to the institution and the community was priceless.